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Citizens Invited to Review Draft Edition of Salisbury Historic Preservation Master Plan

Summary Presentation to Reflect Collaborative Strategies as Shared through Committee Reports and Community Input Sessions

Salisbury, NC_April 28, 2011 – A draft version of the Salisbury Historic Preservation Master Plan will be presented on Monday, May 9, from 7 pm – 8:30 pm. The session will be held in the Messinger Room of the Rowan Museum, 202 North Main Street. Muldrow & Associates, facilitators for the historic master plan process, will present the draft plan, which reflects months of ongoing collaboration between public and private stakeholders, neighborhood groups, and the plan's citizen-based steering committee. The focus of the meeting will be to outline the specific actions and strategies needed to reach desired goals as outlined through the plan. Citizens are cordially invited to attend the meeting and to provide feedback upon review of the draft plan.

Speaking on behalf of the Salisbury City Council, Mayor Susan Kluttz shares that the creation of a historic master plan is essential for recognizing and preserving Salisbury's unique history, physical characteristics, and rich culture. "By fostering an appreciation for Salisbury's historic buildings and treasured landmarks, we take vital steps in securing our city's sense of pride and distinctiveness. Through our continued efforts to enhance and sustain historic preservation, we can ensure that Salisbury's exceptional legacy is preserved for future generations."

City of Salisbury Senior Planner Janet Gapen offers that the draft plan provides a unified vision for Salisbury. Participants in the master plan creative process have identified community-wide strategies for reaching desired outcomes and goals. Some of the areas identified are as follows:

- Historic Preservation Commission Procedures
- Collaboration between Preservation Organizations
- Effective Enforcement of Certificates of Appropriateness
- Awareness of Historic Resources, Districts, and Economic Benefits
- Access to Information for Property Owners and Best Practices
- Neighborhood Livability and Protection of Community Character

"We are sincerely grateful to our citizens and stakeholders for the sharing of their vast knowledge, expertise, and creative ideas," said Gapen. "Their views and input have been vital to the success of this process. By assisting with the review of our draft plan, our citizens can help to identify any gaps in the plan or additions that may be necessary. Public attendance is greatly appreciated."

The Strategic Assessment document, a preliminary report that summarizes the public and stakeholder input, collective vision, and desired outcomes of the plan, is available for public viewing or for download on the Salisbury Historic Master Plan community website. Please visit the site online at <http://salisburyplan.ning.com/> and click the “DOWNLOADS” tab to obtain a listing of printable .pdf files. For more information or questions regarding Salisbury’s Historic Preservation Master Plan process, please contact Janet Gapen at 704-638-5230 or by email at jgape@salisburync.org. Additional inquiries may be submitted to Aaron Arnett of Arnett Muldrow & Associates by calling 864-233-0950 or via email at aaron@arnettmuldrow.com.

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